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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT CZ (SALGOVIC, VILIAM)

SUBJECT: SALGOVIC'S RISE; ANOTHER INTERPRETATION

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1. AN ALTERNATE THEORY ON THE RECENT ELEVATION OF HARD-LINER VILIAM SALGOVIC TO THE PRESIDUM OF THE SLOVAK CP AND HIS ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SLOVAK NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS IT THAT SALGOVIC HAS IN FACT BEEN "KICKED UPSTAIRS". THIS LINE, MENTIONED TO EMBASSY OFFICERS BY A COUPLE OF LOCAL JOURNALISTS, REASONS THAT SALGOVIC HAS BEEN MOVED

FROM A POSITION OF REAL POLITICAL POWER--DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE KSC CONTROL AND AUDITING COMMISSION UNDER EQUALLY HARD-LINING  
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MILOS JAKES--TO ONE IN WHICH HE MAY RECEIVE MUCH MORE

PUBLICITY BUT WILL IN FACT BE ABLE TO EXERCISE FAR LESS INFLUENCE.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT NECESSARILY SUPPORT THIS THESIS, WE PASS IT ON AS AT LEAST WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION. ONE OF ITS OBVIOUS MERITS IS THAT IT WOULD FIT IN WITH THE EXPECTATION OF MANY OBSERVERS THAT HUSAK WOULD IN FACT ATTEMPT TO MAKE SOME TENTATIVE MOVES TOWARD MODERATION FOLLOWING HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY. A CLEARER PICTURE MAY EMERGE WHEN SALGOVIC'S SUCCESSOR ON THE CONTROL AND AUDITING COMMISSION IS ANNOUNCED.  
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